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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 169

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Ms. Lois Jean White for her laudable service to the children of Tennessee and the United States of America as the National PTA President.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding citizens who through their unbending devotion and extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Lois Jean White, who since 1997 has served astutely as the National PTA President; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work as a professional flutist, giving private flute lessons and as an instructor with the renowned School of Music Arts in Oak Ridge, Lois Jean White still finds time to lend her remarkable talents to such a notable cause as the PTA, where she has served statewide as well as nationally; and

WHEREAS, From 1989-91, she served as the President of the Tennessee PTA and was on the National PTA Board of Directors; from 1991-93, Ms. White served as the Chairperson of the Organizational Services Commission of the National PTA, and from 1995-97 she was

President-Elect of the National PTA until going on to serve as the President of the National PTA, a post she has held ever since that time; and

WHEREAS, Ms. White has been honored to serve as a Presidential Appointee to the Advisory Committee on Public Internet Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, a post she was appointed to in 1997 by President Bill Clinton and graciously served for a year; and

WHEREAS, Lois White has been recognized in several national publications, including *Strathmore's Who's Who*, 1999-2000 edition, and *Women of Courage II: Inspirational Stories of African American Women*; she has twice been recognized in *Ebony Magazine* as one of "The 100+ Most Influential African Americans" and was also featured in their March 1998 issue in an article entitled, "The Different Faces of Contemporary Black Women"; and

WHEREAS, She has demonstrated her immense literary talent by having written the forewords for two books: *My Father Has Left Me...And I'm About to Go Off*, by Dr. Ronald Brown and Eddie Davis, and *Child By Child: The Comer Process for Change in Education*, by Dr. James Comer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. White is also a renowned speaker across the country as she has participated in several workshops, presenting information on such topics as Parental and Family Involvement, Leadership Skills, and Parliamentary Procedures; and

WHEREAS, This 1960 graduate of Fisk University and resident of Knoxville, also finds time to contribute her seemingly endless energy to serving on Knoxville's Dulin Gallery of Art's Board of Trustees, the Tennessee Alpha Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians, and as the Chairperson of the State Cultural Arts Committee of the Tennessee PTA; and

WHEREAS, Lois Jean White epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Lois Jean White for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Lois Jean White for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her on her recent reappointment as President of the National PTA, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.